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To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct special resource studies to determine the national significance of specific sites as well as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units of the National Park System.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 12, 1999

Mr. THOMAS introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Park System
5 New Area Study Act of 2000”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS AND PURPOSES.**

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that pursuant to
8 Public Law 105–391, the Administration has submitted

1 a list of areas recommended for study for potential inclu-
2 sion in the National Park System in fiscal year 2000.

3 (b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to direct
4 the Secretary of the Interior to direct special resource
5 studies to determine the national significance of the sites,
6 and/or areas, listed in section 5 of this Act to determine
7 the national significance of each site, and/or area, as well
8 as the suitability and feasibility of their inclusion as units
9 of the National Park System.

10 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

11 In this Act:

12 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
13 the Secretary of the Interior acting through the Di-
14 rector of the National Park Service.

15 **SEC. 4. STUDIES.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 2 years after the
17 date on which funds are made available for the purpose
18 of this Act, the Secretary, shall submit to the Committee
19 on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate and the
20 Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives
21 individual resource studies of the sites, and/or areas, listed
22 in section 5 of this Act.

23 (b) CONTENTS.—The study under subsection (a)
24 shall—

1 (1) identify the location and the suitability and
2 feasibility of designating the sites, and/or areas, as
3 units of the National Park System; and

4 (2) include cost estimates for any necessary ac-
5 quisition, development, operation and maintenance,
6 and identification of alternatives for the manage-
7 ment, administration, and protection of the area.

8 **SEC. 5. SITES AND/OR AREAS.**

9 (a) The areas recommended for study for potential
10 inclusion in the National Park System include the fol-
11 lowing:

12 (1) Bioluminescent Bay, Mosquito Lagoon,
13 Puerto Rico;

14 (2) Brandywine and Paoli Battlefields, Pennsylv-
15 vania;

16 (3) Civil Rights Trail, Nationwide;

17 (4) Gaviota Coast Seashore, California;

18 (5) Kate Mullaney House, New York;

19 (6) Low Country Gullah Culture, South Caro-
20 lina, Georgia and Florida;

21 (7) Nan Madol, Northern Marianas;

22 (8) Walden Pond and Woods, in Concord and
23 Lincoln, Massachusetts; and

24 (9) World War II sites on Palau and Saipan.

1 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

2 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
3 as are necessary to carry out this Act.

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